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come home**
78th LRS Airmen reflect
on 6-month convoy duty

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News you can use

Tattoo Ceremony casting call coming soon

The 2005 Tattoo Ceremony committee is looking for actors for roles in this year's ceremony. Actors will have to go through a screening process and attend a series of rehearsals prior to the April 26 ceremony. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ceremony. Whether you're looking for a minor or major role with this year's ceremony, we welcome your help. If you'd like to volunteer or try out for an acting role, contact Master Sgt. Matt Ogle at 327-7348 or matthew.ogle@robins.af.mil.

— From staff reports

Robins technology expo set for Wednesday

Robins technology exposition will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club ballroom. There will be more than 20 exhibitors who will demonstrate the latest in data protection, mobile/wireless computing, test equipment, software/hardware, networking integrators, audio visual equipment, imaging solutions, knowledge management, ergonomic office equipment, structured cabling solutions, technical support, communications solutions and video conferencing integration. Free refreshments and giveaways will be available while supplies last.

For more information or to request a company or technology you would like to see at the expo, contact Karolyn Riordan at (888) 603-8899 or riordan@ncsi.com.

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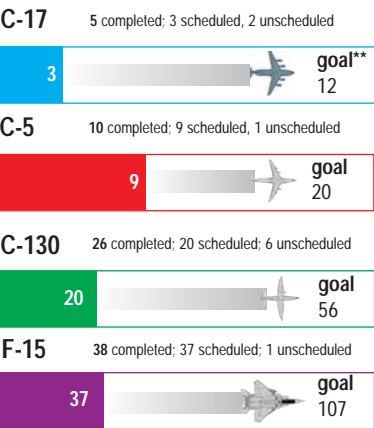
School PTO yard sale/bake sale set for March 12

Robins Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization will host a yard sale/bake sale in the school's cafeteria March 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sally Papciak, volunteer coordinator, at 328-2098.

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Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of March 1.



**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, WR-ALC/MAWWB

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Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th
OSS/OSW

Today

Sunny to partly
cloudy



61/36

Saturday

Sunny to partly
cloudy



65/38

Sunday

Sunny to partly
cloudy



65/40

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Local Reserve, active duty enlistees get a sneak peek at Basic Military Training



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. John Petain orders Jason Repass to get down and hold a push up. Twenty-four local delayed entry program recruits went through practice training Saturday morning to prepare for Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

By Lanorris Askew

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Their reasons for enlisting ranged from family tradition and travel to educational opportunities and a sense of duty, but Saturday, 24 local delayed entry program recruits got an up close and personal view of what it takes to "Step into the Blue."

The enlistees arrived at Building 905

and were met by two energetic military training instructors who welcomed them to a simulated Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where they will undergo actual basic military training.

Ranging in age from 18 to 27 the enlistees filed off the bus, fell into line formation and learned the basics of basic training. They were introduced to terminology

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What to know

Members of the Delayed Enlistment Program take an oath of enlistment, sign an enlistment agreement obligating them to military service, and are given a date to report for active duty. However, Delayed Entry Program members who make a written request for discharge will eventually be released.

116th ACW captain receives Airman's medal for saving life

By Airman Paul R. Ross

116th Air Control Wing
Public Affairs

Picture this: You're strolling down a Florida beach. You hear seagulls in the distance and the waves flirting with the shore. It's an ordinary day. Suddenly, you see arms flailing in the water, and you hear screams for help. You have to act, but what do you do?

When that situation hap-

pened to Capt. Kenneth Ebi on the beach at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in May 2003, he didn't think twice. He ran into the water to help the man who was caught in the undertow.

"The current and the waves were too strong for me to pull him back in. I tried to keep him afloat while I reassured him help was on the way," said the 128th Airborne Combat and Control Squadron assistant flight com-

mander here.

In recognition of Captain Ebi's quick reactions, The Oregon native was awarded the Airman's Medal for Heroism Tuesday.

According to Capt. Ebi, although initially human instinct may take over a person's actions, in the back of a person's mind, his or her Air Force training is there.

"All of us (Airmen) are put

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U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Paul R. Ross

Capt. Kenneth Ebi received the Airman's Medal for Heroism for actions in May 2003 while TDY at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Talk to doctor, pharmacist before taking nutritional supplements

By Holly L. Birchfield

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Popping a pill or drinking a shake may seem like the easiest way to meet nutritional needs, but experts say nutritional supplements should be taken with caution.

Nathan Hamman, a registered dietitian at the base's Health and Wellness Center, said consulting a doctor or a Food and Drug Administration registered dietitian is the best place to start for nutritional information.

"In general, you should always talk to your doctor before taking any type of supplement," he said. "Other

good sources for information are dietitians and pharmacists. Dietitians are experts in the field of nutrition and are the best source of information, when it comes to healthy eating and vitamins and minerals.

"A pharmacist should be able to tell you if your medications will interact with other things you are taking," he added. "You should make sure they know everything you are taking, whether it's vitamins, herbs, or medications."

According to Mr. Hamman, the best source of

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

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AFAF campaign kicks off Monday

Air Force Print News Service

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign runs Monday through April 15 at Robins according to the base AFAF project officer.

"This is the one chance we get each year to support organizations that help the neediest members of our Air Force family," said Lt. Col. Mike Pierson. "These are people who probably would not come up to you at work and ask you to, for example, help them pay for their daughter's tuition or items for their newborn baby."

Program officials invite Airmen to contribute to any of the Air Force's four official charitable organizations.

The charities benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired servicemembers, surviving spouses and families. This is the 32nd year of the fund drive, where the four charities receive 100 percent of designated contributions.

"The need for (Air Force Aid Society) assistance remains strong," said retired Lt. Gen. Mike McGinty, Air Force Aid Society chief executive officer. "Last year, the

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Dental assistants help ensure military members stay healthy for mission success

By Holly L. Birchfield
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While a toothache can really slow you down, Staff Sgt. Iasha Dean said the folks at the 78th Dental Squadron work hard to ensure it doesn't stop military members from serving the war-fighting mission.

Sergeant Dean, one of 18 dental assistants here, checks dental records, conducts dental X-rays, greets the clinic's active-duty patients and performs a variety of other tasks every workday.

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The Baltimore, Md., native, has been with the squadron for three years, and said while the job can present its challenges, it's worth it to see her patients smiling at the end of their visit.

"A lot of people have anxiety about coming to the dental clinic," she said. "The real challenge is trying to ease their fears about what's going to happen when they go back (to see the dentist). I think the best part of the job is getting them through the experience and knowing that when they leave our office, they're smiling and know that it wasn't as bad as they thought."

Whether filing dental records and greeting patients at the clinic's front desk or working alongside the clinic's eight dentists during dental procedures like root canals and cavity extractions - the job is one that brings a smile to the sergeant's face.

"I like that we get to deal with people on a personal level every day," she said. "It's rewarding knowing that we can help people get out of pain and get ready to go to a new assignment."

Sergeant Dean said while her part of the mission may seem like a small part,



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Staff Sgt. Iasha Dean, left, pulls a patient's dental records. Airman 1st Class Tanya Fimreite, right, cleans a patient's teeth.

What to know

The 78th Medical Group Dental Clinic is located in Building 700, on the second floor, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. The dental clinic serves active duty military members at Robins. For more information, contact the 78th Dental Squadron at 327-8056.

it's an important one.

"We're making sure the members are dentally ready to go," she said. "The last thing you want to be concerned about when you're at a deployed location, where there's no dentist, is that your tooth is hurting. We

take care of all of that before they go, even if it means coming in after hours. We take care of their dental needs, so they don't have to worry about it."

Airman 1st Class Tanya Fimreite, dental technician with the 78th Dental Squadron, who assists in the various dental procedures performed at the clinic, said the mission of taking care of Airmen's dental health is essential.

"Our mission is to make sure all active duty personnel are dentally qualified to deploy," she said. "We're here to make sure they can focus on the mission, without the distraction of tooth pain or some other dental problem."

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Base Archery Club

There will be a 3-D archery shoot Saturday at 9 a.m. For information, contact Bryan Davis 328-0177 or Greg Dunn 929-4812.

SOLE luncheon

The Warner Robins Society

of Logisticians will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club in the atrium. Lunch is pay as you go. Please be in place by 11:30. The guest speaker is Bruce Lewis, director of commodity purchasing at Warner Robins Supply. He will be speaking on retail logistics. Mr. Lewis is a native of Macon and a graduate of Mercer University. He has 34 years in the building materials industry with the last 12 at Warner Robins Supply. He will speak on the logistics involved with

purchasing, stocking and warehousing the products carried by Warner Robins Supply.

Body fat analysis

A body fat analysis is slated for Wednesday from noon - 1 p.m. at the fitness center. Wear a comfortable shirt and shorts and do not exercise before the assessment. For more details, call 926-2128.

Winter Sports Day

The inaugural 2005 Winter Sports Day will be March 11.

Events include a swim meet, table tennis, racquetball, volleyball, walleyball, obstacle course and a three-on-three basketball competition. For more information, call 926-2128.

Tax center

The tax center is open on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday. Sign up begins at 11:30 a.m. The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. For more information, call 926-2391/2635.

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nutrition is fruits, vegetables and other wholesome foods - a diet most Americans don't follow.

"Technically, you should be able to eat healthy and get everything you need," he said. "But since most people don't eat the variety of foods they need to get these nutrients, people, in general, need to be on a multivitamin."

Mr. Hamman said taking a standard multivitamin daily helps people fulfill the nutritional gap in their diets, without the risk of overdose.

"Most multi-vitamins are fine," he said. "You should be careful using individual vitamins and minerals because you can unintentionally take toxic levels of these supplements. For example, you can take up to 1,000 milligrams of vitamin C a day, maybe even 1,500 milligrams a day, but you don't want to go with more than that because it can cause more harm than good."

Laura Mihalovic, a registered clinical

What to know

The Health and Wellness Center will begin offering nutritional seminars to organizations. Seminars will cover such topics as phytochemicals; child nutrition; fad diets; recipe modification. Each 30-minute seminar can be arranged by contacting Nathan Hamman, dietician at the HAWC, at 327-8480.

dietician at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, said although many nutritional supplements are mass marketed, it doesn't mean every supplement is for everyone.

"Your health care provider is going to know your medical history and what medications you may be taking," she said. "Every person is different, and what may be right for one person may not be right for the next. These nutritional supplements should be approached with as much caution as when taking medications."

Dr. Sandra Brenner, a Houston Medical Center certified diabetic educator and clinical dietician, said people should research vitamins, minerals and herbal supplements

before adding them to their diets.

"There's a lot of information out there that our food, because of all the artificial things that are in it, (isn't enough nutritionally) and so supplements have become very popular," she said.

Mr. Hamman said this is especially true of herbal supplements, which aren't regulated by a government agency.

"If you want to take some type of herb, check with your doctor first," he said. "In addition, I would also check with a dietician or a pharmacist. Many healthcare professionals haven't had much training on herbs, but will gladly research them for you."

No matter what nutritional supplements catch your eye, Mr. Hamman said it is wise to make sure the supplement you choose to take is well documented with your doctor.

"Active-duty military, (and some civilian employees) especially, have to watch what they're doing, because some things may show up in a drug screening," he said. "If you're taking any nutritional supplements, you need to have it documented and cleared with your doctor."

CHIEFS

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Airman Leadership School, Noncommissioned Officer’s Academy, First Term Airmen’s Center and the Logistics Readiness Squadron.

During a short break from their outings, the two sat down to share some of their thoughts on leadership, change and what it means to wear the rank.

Mr. Airey, 81, looks back at April 3, 1967, the day he was promoted to chief, with mixed emotions.

“I could use adjectives like proud, elated and go on and on and on, but in all seriousness I thought immediately to myself that I have a grave and big responsibility ahead of me,” he said. “I also thought that I should be very, very careful because if I didn’t do it right it could leave a mark on the enlisted force forever.”

With the weight of the future

on his shoulders, he worked tirelessly to help solve what he saw as the biggest problem looming - retention.

“You must take into consideration that we’re on the 14th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, and there is quite a difference in the job today than when I took it on,” said the New Bedford, Mass., native. “The job has broadened considerably. Chief (Gerald R.) Murry is involved in many more things than I was because my biggest concern was getting the job set up and running.”

One of the problems he faced was the enlisted promotions system which he attributed to retention problems.

“Our assignment system was bad,” said the retired chief. “We had people in Vietnam who were there for the second and third time while some people in the same specialty hadn’t gone once.”

Working with Air Force specialists, who he called a group

What to know

The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership. He or she serves as the personal advisor to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, moral, proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force.

of very good people, he served as an advisor, and the Weighted Airman Promotion System was born solving the issues.

Under his leadership the title of CMSAF flourished and seven chiefs later Mr. Parish, 67, took the reins. He said watching new chiefs come along is a good feeling.

“It makes me feel good to know that as a general rule they are continuing some of the traditions that have been handed down over time,” he said. “I feel that anyone who is worth their

salt will leave someone better prepared to do their job when they leave than they were when they arrived. I hope that the folks that we pin on Saturday night have been prepared properly and are ready to assume the responsibilities in the role of a chief because there’s not a single one of them that’s going to be a chief when they pin on the stripe. It’s going to take some time for them to grow into that role and to become a chief that is going to make contributions to our Air Force of the future.”

Mr. Airey agreed.

“As someone once said, you don’t go down to the employment agency and say I want two chief master sergeants and one E-8, you’ve got to grow them,” he said. “You have to mature them.”

Both men also agreed on the most important trait a noncommissioned officer can have.

“There’s only one thing that an NCO has to have as a trait and that’s integrity,” said Mr.

Parish. “If they don’t have integrity, they don’t have anything.”

Much has changed during the past decades, and the two chiefs said naming differences in quality of life issues would take all day.

“That’s how much change we’ve seen in the quality of life,” said Mr. Parish. “Night and day, or black and white would describe it. It’s gone from one extreme to the other.”

“Let’s look at the physical things,” said Mr. Airey. “We now have family quarters, family support centers, life skills, improved dining and medical facilities and dorms. It really is night and day, you just can’t compare it.”

Although the two rose to the pinnacle of the enlisted ranks, they said anyone can do it.

“If Parish can do it, anybody can do it,” said former chief Parish. “If Airey can do it anybody can do it. You’re looking at two people who came up in a

very rigid system, and if you stopped to think about it, neither one of us would qualify to join the Air Force today.”

Mr. Airey echoed those sentiments.

“We still tell our kids that they can grow up to be President of the United States,” he said. “There’s no reason that some man or woman coming out of Lackland (Air Force Base, Texas) today can’t say that ‘I can be the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force’.”

Recalling the time he spent during World War II as a prisoner of war, Mr. Airey spoke of another important trait - determination.

“Knowing that it was just a matter of time before I would be liberated and that we were going to be victorious got me through those months,” he said. “It was just a matter of will and determination to hang on. Knowing that we were going to win and that the end was in sight.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Master Sgt. Matt Ogle gives recruits a taste of what to expect when they arrive at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for Basic Military Training.

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like dress, cover, interval and distance. They also learned how to stand at attention, how to march and the proper way to address their superiors.

“I don’t care who you are or where you came from,” barked Master Sgt. Matt Ogle, noncommissioned officer in charge of relocations here. “You are about to learn to become a part of a team. That’s what the Air Force is all about.”

According to Master Sgt. John Petain, military personnel flight superintendent of relocations and employments, Robins is the only base currently conducting the training.

“This is something that we instituted here along with our Reserve counterparts to help our trainees get some idea of what’s expected when they get to basic training,” he said.

“I wish they had done something like this when I was coming through because I would’ve had a better understanding of what to do and what not to do.”

The enlistees agreed.

Vincent Garrett, a 21-year-old student at Central Georgia Technical College, called the morning’s events eye-opening.

“It’s a whole new experience,” he said. “It’s definitely something you have to get used to.”

Mr. Garrett said his father is also in the Air Force and enlist-ing seemed like the right thing to do.

“I know this morning wasn’t as hard as they will be at basic, but you’ve got to get used to getting yelled at, and I’m not used to that at all,” he said.

Sergeant Ogle said although they are tough they do it because they care.

“We are giving them the whole picture or as much as we can in an hour and a half,” he

said. “We want to wake them up but not scare them off.”

Danielle Gagnon, 22, admits she’s anxious, but appreciates the practice.

“I’m a little scared, but it’s not as much the physical as it is the mental that really scares me,” she said. “I thought the outdoor portion should have been a little bit longer.”

After 15 minutes of drill type exercises the group was taken into a classroom and allowed to calm down. The training instructors explained what they had just gone through and why it’s beneficial.

“Here they went through it for about 15 minutes, at Lackland it’ll be five weeks,” said Sergeant Ogle.

The classroom portion included an introduction to basic military training film and an Honor Guard spokesperson explained extracurricular activities and the viewpoint of a recent basic training graduate.

MEDAL

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under stressful situations in training,” the captain said. “We basically learn how to react on instinct and to do the right thing.”

The Airman’s Medal is the ninth most prestigious medal

the Air Force awards. It is awarded to someone who puts their own life at risk to save another’s.

“I feel honored,” said Captain Ebi. “At first I didn’t really feel like I deserved it; I just went out and did what I was supposed to. I feel privileged to be considered for an honor like this.

“To receive a medal that has requirements of someone performing a heroic act while putting their life in danger is awesome as well as humbling,” he added. “So many people are doing things overseas that are more heroic than me jumping in the water, but I feel honored that the leadership put me in for this.”

AFAF

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Air Force Aid Society helped more than 30,000 Airmen with \$21.1 million in assistance – that is a lot of help.”

“Robins people received almost \$440,000 in benefits from AFAS last year,” Colonel Pierson said.

“Contributions are vital for the society to sustain this kind of help; it is truly an Airmen-helping-Airmen program,” General McGinty said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper recently announced a \$5.4 million goal. Last year, Airmen gave \$6.7 million to the fund. The Robins goal for this year is \$90,775.

“More important to me than meeting the goal is that we get as many people as possible to participate in the campaign,” Colonel Pierson said. “It shows that we care for our brothers and sisters-in-arms, for their families and for the generations that have gone before us. If we get participation, we’ll easily meet the goal.”

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:

■The Air Force Aid Society. AFAS provides Airmen and their families worldwide emergency financial assistance, edu-

cation assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs. Information is available at www.afas.org/.

■The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow’s Fund. The Air Force Enlisted Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org/.

■The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund. Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio, Texas, for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com/.

■The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation. The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org/.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax-deductible. For more information, check out the AFAF link on the Robins home page at www.robins.af.mil, visit www.afassistancefund.org or the Air Force Personnel

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Silence is not golden

Leadership and the new science

By Col. Lela Holden
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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) – I am speaking for my friend. I am speaking for her because she won’t speak for herself. The pain and conflict surrounding her husband’s suicide a number of months ago drags on her spirit and her voice. She has given me permission to speak for her. The message is simple and brief.

First, let me provide some important details that offer context but hopefully do not violate her privacy. She is active duty Air Force. Her husband was active duty but had left the service. They are both over 40. On the day he killed himself, he used the gun he insisted on having in the house. And he used that gun impulsively. She does not believe he intended to kill himself the day he pulled the trigger in a fit of anger. Finally, she experienced his suicide within the context of the intense efforts on the part of the Air Force to reduce suicides. Certainly there are few goals more worthy.

So, what does she want her military and civilian colleagues to know, within this drive and focus in our Air Force to reduce these tragic events?

First, she went to extensive lengths to try to help him but ultimately could not prevent this tragic act. His problems had been many years in the making, and he had sought medical help.

There is surely some guilt in living with this tragedy, but to all those who subtly look askance at her and ask, “Couldn’t you have done more?” the answer is “no.”

Second, she needed then and needs now support and compassion, not pity.

But most of all, she needs more than silence. She has been astonished that so many who knew both of them have been unable to simply say: “I’m sorry for your loss.” This condolence and compassion would have come if he had dropped dead of a heart attack. Her loss and grief are no less intense because of the method by which he died. This is one of the painful mysteries of this life: none of us can ultimately say why things happen. To acknowledge her loss and pain is the compassionate thing to do.

So, to all of us who want to do the right thing related to suicide, to reach out to those at risk, let us not forget the ones left behind when these tragedies occur. Spouses, friends, supervisors, mental health professionals who did try to help, all who are left behind need to hear that ultimately they did not kill Joe, or Pete, or Mary. Joe or Pete or Mary killed him or herself.

And we need to reach out to those left behind and say something simple, sincere, and helpful: “I know this is a difficult time for you. I’m very sorry for your loss.” There are many things we cannot do. That we can do.

By Master Sgt. John Guse
56th Communications Squadron
first sergeant

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFPN) – My wife says I do it because I care. An old boss says I do it because I “bleed blue.”

I honestly don’t know why I choose to write and speak out about Air Force issues, but I have found that wearing all my stripes has some inherent responsibilities attached.

One of my favorite authors, Margaret Wheatley, wrote two books on new concepts in management. She is described by others as a chaos management theorist, but I choose to regard her as insightful and poetic. Wheatley wrote one book titled “Leadership and the New Science.” In this book, she explores how current management theories are more related to Newtonian physics than quantum physics.

I know what you’re thinking, “Put down this article before it gets confusing.” I implore you to read on, if you dare.

Newtonian physics is primarily how we operate as people. Newtonians believe that if we separate and investigate all the parts, we will figure out how something works.

Take the car mechanic as an example. When told that the car sputters and stalls, the mechanic begins investigating the fuel source. It might be bad fuel, or a broken fuel line, or even a dirty fuel filter. Checking to see if the headlights work is not part of the analysis.

If we translate this Newtonian philosophy to management, we learn that it is helpful in determining the root cause of a problem, but not necessarily in how to fix that problem. For the car mechanic, replacing parts is often times the ideal solution, but can we afford to do this same surgery with people?

To the rescue comes Wheatley’s examination of quantum physics and management theory. Basically, quantum physics claims that the smallest part of the universe IS the universe. In other words, everything is interrelated. For example, if we decide to move our moon closer to Earth so that we can have a jumping off point for further space exploration, we would make it exceedingly uncomfortable on Earth. Changes in tides, shifting plate tectonics, violent volcanic eruptions, unusual weather patterns would all take place because we chose to take a gamble on a solution for one cause without considering the negative impact that solution has on other crit-

ical situations. OK, let’s back up a bit. You are now asking, “Why have I gotten myself into this commentary without hope of getting out until I’m finished reading the article?” Bear with me, please.

Let’s assume a flying squadron has a problem with a certain fuel cell on a particular aircraft. The analysis done to determine the problem is Newtonian in nature; however, the solution involves quantum application.

While the Newtonian analysis lets us know that the fuel cell is defective and needs replacement, the quantum application involves a variety of agencies to include supply, contracting, finance, maintenance, training, communications, safety – well, you get the point. In other words, the solution involves organizations that are more than two streets off the runway. What Wheatley identifies is that one thing impacts everything else, whether we want it to or not.

When we take this concept one step further into management, we discover that we apply a Newtonian philosophy to a quantum world. If we address the issues of a particular Airman within our organization, does that not carry over into his or her personal life? Years ago we would say, “Don’t go home and kick the dog over this.” Today, it’s different.

My true confusion on all of this is that we ask our people to achieve the “whole person concept.” In the new Enlisted Force Structure (AFI 36-2618), it doesn’t truly identify what the “whole person concept” means.

For that matter, the old version of AFI 36-2618 didn’t really clarify the “whole person concept” that well. Today, the Enlisted Force Structure document alludes to the “whole person concept” being a part of overall readiness in terms of technical, physical, mental and spiritual health.

Here is where my confusion sets in. Teaching supervisors, leaders, and managers, invokes using Newtonian philosophy with our people and their development. When we provide feedback to our people, we adopt a problem/solution mentality to help our people achieve “whole person concept” nirvana. The troubling question is, do we evaluate the whole person?

Consider this example: A young married troop with a six month old child is counseled on her need to incorporate more community involvement in her overall performance. This would be a good thing. Given this Newtonian

analysis, is the supervisor considering the impact the volunteerism will have on this troop’s family life?

In other words, when the first sergeant gets called out to investigate a domestic violence issue, could it be because the troop was trying to fulfill his supervisor’s “whole person concept” wishes by becoming more involved in the community? In other words, what started as a good thing becomes a bad thing in someone else’s arena of management. To put it bluntly, we appear to want “whole person concept” people without treating the whole person. To the rescue comes quantum analysis! As a former professional military education instructor and curriculum writer, I would challenge my students with a series of four questions.

“How many of you know your troops’ first names?” All hands would go up.

“How many of you know your troops’ spouses first names?” Some hands would still be up.

“How many of you know your troops’ children’s first names?” A few hands remained.

“How many of you know your troops’ children’s birthdates? GOTCHA!!

I would end that discussion with a final question. “Why is it important to know the birthdates of your troops’ kids?”


Eventually, they would discover that their people had vibrant, full lives outside of the Air Force that they needed to become increasingly aware of in their efforts to supervise effectively. Recognizing your troops might like a day with their children on their birthdays, or would like to accompany their children on their first day of school means that we not only become involved in our people’s “whole person” development, but we mentor them on behaviors necessary for them to effectively lead and manage people in the future.

One final thought in this mass of confusion I have conveyed to you. It is Wheatley’s unique analysis of our lives.

“While we humans observe and count separate selves, and pay a great deal of attention to the differences that seem to divide us, in fact we survive only as we learn to participate in a web of relationships.”

Our “relationships” with our people have invoked the gravity of Newton while the world demands our quantum leap of faith in our people’s ability by knowing their “whole person” as a complete “concept.”

Commander’s Action Line



Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Capturing strays

Probably as the result of military members dumping their household pets before moving away, Robins has a large number of free-roaming cats living precariously on the base. This tragedy can be handled in four ways:

1. Well-meaning people feed the cats, which keeps the cats somewhat healthy and able to reproduce at a faster rate. Typically, these groups of cats will be mainly female. Female cats can have three litters a year. The number of cats will grow.
2. The cats are not fed, but will find food sources on their own. They will not be healthy, but will continue to reproduce at a lesser rate. However, the kittens will be sick and many will die. The number of cats will still grow.
3. The cats could be rounded up and euthanized. This is inhumane and also ineffective in the long run. Other cats will come in to fill the void and the problem will grow.
4. Trap the cats, have them neutered, and return them under the care of individuals who will feed and monitor the cats. Each cat

would need to be given shots, including rabies, checked for ear mites, etc., and one ear would be tipped. This would identify the cat as a member of a controlled group that has been neutered and is in good health.

Which option makes the most sense?

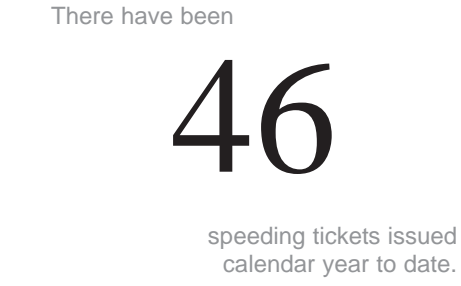
I belong to a rescue group in Warner Robins and our members would be glad to help anyone on base wishing to work toward solving this problem in a humane way. Trapping does not pose a danger to anyone as the cats are not touched by human hands until the vet takes over.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for your concern for animals and pets at Robins. I would like to emphasize that we are currently treating animals in the most practical and humane way possible. As commander of this installation, I am responsible for the health and welfare of the work force, residents and pet population. Animal problems on an installation can have an adverse effect on human health which makes the control of feral animals extremely important.

Because of potential health risk posed by these animals to humans, pets and wildlife, our 78th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology Shop works with Environmental Management and the veterinary clinic to control their numbers. Their population is checked through live trapping in accordance with Robins Instruction 48-131. Once trapped, every effort is made to determine if the animal may have been domesticated. If so, and the owner can be identified, the animal is returned immediately. Any unclaimed animals are transferred to the veterinary clinic where they are humanely euthanized. Due to limited resources, both personnel and monetary, it is not feasible to spay or neuter, vaccinate, and then release these animals. Even if sufficient resources were available, another risk that makes your suggestion impractical is that many of the animals are extremely wild and fractious.

If base personnel encounter a stray animal, they are encouraged not to feed them. The best step to take is to contact CE customer service at 926-5657 so the animal can be trapped and properly cared for. Again, thank you for your concern and help in controlling the pet population on base.

Remember to slow down



How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204




Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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Little masterpieces



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Jodi Pittman attends the annual Children's Art Show, sponsored by the Child Development Centers East and West, at the Smith Community Center Feb. 25. Parents were invited to stop by and see art work made by children who attend the CDCs. Donations were accepted for staff appreciation and enhancement of the centers' programs.

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Voluntary Leave Transfer Program helps employees support others in need

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When life brings suffering to others, the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program gives Robins' employees a way to help.

The program, which began more than a decade ago, gives federal employees the opportunity to donate up to half their annual leave to other federal employees who have exhausted all sick and annual leave due to a medical emergency.

Sue Trussell, an employee relations specialist in the Robins Civilian Personnel Office, is charged with reviewing applications of potential leave recipients for guidance compliance.

She said the program – which enabled co-workers to come to her aid when she became injured nearly two years ago – gives employees with a documented medical emergency the chance to take care of health needs without losing pay.

“Just by monitoring the program, I’ve seen how it helps so many people, including myself,” she said. “You never know when you’ll need it.”

There are benefits to those who donate leave as well, said Janet Spivey, CPO work force effectiveness division chief.

“Before the program, you had co-workers who had a loss of income because they had to go into a leave without pay status due to a medical emergency and their co-workers couldn’t help,” she said. “But with this program, when you have a co-worker who is going through a personal crisis, you’re now able to do something and feel good about what you’re doing for your co-worker.”

To be eligible to become a leave recipient, an employee must have been affected by a medical or family medical emergency which is likely to result in the employee being out of work three workdays and result in a substantial loss of income. In addition the employee must have exhausted all of his or her

What to know

The Voluntary Leave Transfer Program provides federal employees the opportunity to donate up to one half of the annual leave they would be entitled to accrue in the leave year in which the donation is made to federal employees who have exhausted all of their annual and sick leave due to a medical emergency involving themselves or a family member. Federal employees may donate annual leave to those within their agency or to those in other federal agencies. To become a leave donor an individual must complete Optional Form 630A for leave donations within the agency; for donating annual leave outside one's agency, individuals must complete Optional Form 630B. Application forms to become a leave recipient, Optional Form 630, as well as forms to donate leave, may be accessed at www.opm.gov. For more information, contact your servicing Employee Relations specialist at 926-5802 or 926-0677, or visit www.robins.af.mil.

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accrued annual and sick leave.

To apply to become a leave recipient an employee must complete Optional Form 630 and submit it with medical documentation to his or her first level supervisor. The medical documentation should include the beginning and ending date of the medical emergency and provide enough information about the emergency to assist the deciding official in making an informed decision. After review and approval by the first level supervisor, the package will be forwarded to the approving official for signature within five workdays of receipt. Once approved in the organization, the leave recipient package will be forwarded to Civilian Personnel for review of regulatory compliance.

An employee who wishes to become a leave recipient after

the medical emergency has terminated must submit Optional Form 630 within 30 days of the termination of the medical emergency.

An employee who has been approved as a leave recipient may accrue up to 40 hours of annual and sick leave. The earned leave is placed in a reserve account for use after the medical emergency terminates or if the medical emergency continues, after the recipient exhausts transferred leave. In addition, leave recipients can only use donated leave for the medical emergency for which it was approved.

Once the medical emergency has ended, whatever leave is left will be prorated and returned to the leave donors.

Employees interested in becoming leave donors must submit Optional Form 630A for donations within their own agency or Optional Form 630B for donations to employees in other federal agencies to the supervisor for approval. The supervisor will review the form for compliance with regulatory requirements and document the supervisory checklist for leave donor requests.

Although employees are allowed to donate annual leave to fellow co-workers, the program prohibits employees from donating leave to their immediate supervisor or military members, Ms. Trussell said.

Supervisors are responsible for staying abreast of the leave recipient's condition, interviewing the individual periodically to determine the person's continued eligibility in the program. Once supervisors have determined that the medical condition has ended, they are required to notify Ms. Trussell by phone or e-mail, requesting that the employee's enrollment in the program be terminated.

Approved leave recipients are listed in the Robins Rev-Up on the Planner page (2B) each Friday and a list is updated each week on the Robins home page.

AFRC band pays tribute to Tuskegee Airmen



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Paul Wenzel

Standing in front of the historic 66th Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment Hangar, the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve prepares to take center stage to pay homage to the Tuskegee Airmen for their service. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site sponsored by the National Park Service took place Feb. 24 in Tuskegee, Ala. The event was attended by several state dignitaries, community members and about 100 Air Force officers. The site will include hangars filled with exhibits; a renovated club where the trainees relaxed and a control tower. The park is scheduled for completion in 2011.

Museum of Aviation hosts Young Astronauts’ Day Saturday

The Museum of Aviation Flight & Technology Center will host Young Astronauts’ Day Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Century of Flight Hangar.

“This 15th annual Young Astronauts’ Day is an incredible opportunity for students to learn from leaders in the science field,” said Museum of Aviation Education Director Melissa Spalding. “A space suit will be on display by Hamilton Sundstrand. The U-2 Directorate will have the U-2 suit and space food as part of a

workshop, and there will be a ‘Living in Space’ discussion by an actual NASA instructor.”

There will be 17 workshops designed for Georgia Young Astronauts.

Young Astronauts’ Day is a day of educational workshops for grades 3-8. Participants attend four workshops -- two of their choice and two assigned by the museum’s education department. Workshops vary in experiences from rocketry to parachute egg drop.

The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and a Young Astronauts’

Day T-shirt. Students are not required to be a member of a Young Astronauts’ Club in order to participate in this event.

Roger Crouch, senior scientist for the International Space Station, will be the keynote speaker for the opening ceremony. He has flown two shuttle missions.

All participants must be accompanied by a chaperone for the entire day. There is a requirement of at least one chaperone per every 10 participants.

Registration will be held at the side entrance of the Century of Flight Hangar. Pre-registration is highly recommended since workshops are based on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, contact Tamea Matthews at 926-5558 or tmatthews@museumofaviation.org.

– From staff reports

Med Group’s automated reminders could help save \$1.3 million annually

By Chrissy Zdrakas
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If American statesman and inventor Benjamin Franklin were alive today, he might well be nodding approval at the 78th Medical Group and its latest innovation – a telephone appointment reminder system expected to limit the flow of an annual \$1.3 million in potential waste.

That’s because the axiom “remember time is money” was Mr. Franklin’s, and the Med Group has laid the groundwork to save money by saving time. The \$1.3 million figure represents the estimated cost to American taxpayers of appointment no-shows, according to Capt. Michael Hall, Medical Group practice manager.

The computerized reminder system will call patients two nights before their scheduled appointment. The calls will be from 5:30 to 8:55 p.m. on a system that offers each patient the opportunity to cancel in the event they can’t make it.

Captain Hall said for the system to work correctly, TRICARE Prime beneficiaries must have updated demographics in the Defense

Enrollment and Eligibility System. They can update by visiting their Military Personnel Flight going online to <https://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm>.”

“We recognize it is important to provide the maximum level of access to medical care for Robins beneficiaries,” he said. “The new appointment reminder system is designed to provide yet another option for beneficiaries to make additional arrangements if needed.”

Anyone with questions may contact Central Appointments at 327-7850, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What to know

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Robins Quarterly Awards Ceremony set for March 11, nominees announced

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, will host the Robins Quarterly Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m. March 11 at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. Robins' outstanding performers will be honored. It's highly encouraged to show your support by displaying your unit guidons and having noisemakers. For more information, call 926-0792.

Here are this quarter's nominees:

Airman

Senior Airman Timothy J. Ablay, 19th ARG

Senior Airman Sean D. Belding, WRALC

Senior Airman Casey C. Givins, 5th CCG

Senior Airman Michael P. Richter, AFRC

Airman 1st Class Andrew B. Madson, 116th ACW

Noncommissioned officer

Master Sgt. Renee S. Brown, AFRC

Tech. Sgt. Timothy P. Leahy, 116th ACW

Tech. Sgt. Todd M. Strevig, RNCOA

Tech. Sgt. Sonya L. Stoute, WRALC

Tech. Sgt. Lisa M. Wilson, 5th CCG

Staff Sgt. Gerald L. Brooks, 19th ARG

Senior noncommissioned officer

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin S. Danson, 116th ACW

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy

B. Horn, 5th CCG

Senior Master Sgt. Eric W. Miller, RNCOA

Master Sgt. Kurt J. Senzig, 19th ARG

Master Sgt. Austin R. Tosi, AFRC

Master Sgt. Sharon L. Ward, WRALC

Company grade officer

Capt. Hollis R. Payne III, WRALC

1st Lt. Michael Eudy, 116th ACW

Capt. Michelle Hill, AFRC

Capt. Todd Nerlin, 5th CCG

Capt. Chris May, 19th ARG

First sergeant

Master Sgt. Anthony L. Clay, 19th ARG

Master Sgt. Glenn Douglass, 116th ACW

Master Sgt. Jimmy D. Whittington, 5th CCG

Master Sgt. Tracy A. Bivins, WRALC

Honor guard ceremonial guardsman

Senior Airman CHAD LAFLAMME, 116 ACW

Senior Airman Tracy Powell, 128th ACCS

Airman 1st Class Jamal Jihad, 116th AMXS

Airman 1st Class Jayson Martin, 19th ARG

Airman 1st Class Francisco Magana, 78th ABW

Airman 1st Class Brandon Hill, 78th ABW

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Sanders, 5th CCG

Airman 1st Class Oranz Walker, 78th ABW



Courtesy photo

Ten members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron spent 215 days as armed escorts for the United States Army at Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Hellhounds come home

78th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen reflect on 6-month convoy duty

Editor's note: Ten members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron returned from a six-month deployment to Iraq Feb. 2. While there, they performed convoy security for the Army. After taking some time off to spend with their families and friends, some of the Airmen sat down and talked with the Rev-Up. This is their story.

By Lanorris Askew

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They arrived to daytime temperatures ranging from 120 to 135 degrees and that was just the beginning for ten members of the 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, here, who for 215 days took on a mission that would redefine their role as war fighters.

Thousands of miles from home and embarking on a first of its kind journey, the vehicle operators cast aside their routine responsibilities and became armed escorts for the United States Army in Iraq.

"On our typical tours of duty we wouldn't leave the base," said Staff Sgt. Harrison Rios-Lopez. "We were people haulers and cargo movers. But this time we were convoy security and provided security for the convoys going to forward operating locations."

Since this was an entirely new charge for the team, an extensive training regimen preceded their actual deployment overseas.

The team arrived July 28, 2004, for six weeks of training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. There they were prepared for what was to come through classroom study and field work which included living in tents, driving 5-ton trucks around in the

dust and shooting guns out of the back of those trucks.

They also had to qualify on heavy weapons they had never used before like the Mark 19 grenade launcher, 50-caliber machine gun and an M-4 rifle.

"We qualified on all types of things you never thought a vehicle operator would handle," said Tech. Sgt. Jody Mohler, platoon leader.

Home sweet home

The team arrived at what would be their home base Aug. 5 after the six-week training stint, and according to Sergeant Mohler they ran their first mission two days later.

"We drove all over the country," he said. "The training set us up for the Army's way of doing things, but when we began the gun truck operations, it was something totally different. We thought we would be doing actual convoys – driving tractor trailers and holding our weapons out the windows, but that wasn't the case. We were the actual security escorts for Balad Air Base, Iraq."

With this job came a lot of responsibility and, admittedly, some fear.

"There was a sense of fear every single time we went out," said Sergeant Mohler. "You're always wondering if anything is going to happen like is an improvised explosive device going to show up on the side of the road or if one of the vehicles following the convoy is a vehicle borne IED. You just never knew, so there was constant fear."

Say a little prayer

That fear made a time of prayer before each mission a big part of the deployment.

"As long as we did our prayer before we headed out of the gate I was pretty happy about going out there," said Senior Airman Derrick Roberson. "Praying was probably the biggest thing for me."

Staff Sgt. Ronald Megginson, who became known as "preacher" during the deployment, led those moments of solace before each mission.

"Before every convoy we'd have our convoy meeting and we'd all get together and pass out all of the information and go

over our routes. But before we actually got into the trucks, we'd all come together in a group and have our group prayer," he said.

The men would remove their hats and kneel.

"I just became the guy who went to the center of the circle and offered the words that God would have spoken to these guys," he said. "Maybe it was to encourage them or to just tell them what they needed to hear for the day. The biggest thing was to give thanks and to ask him to guide us on our way."

Whether their missions were of the short variety, five hours away, or of the longer kind – sometimes seven to 10 days, the First Platoon Hellhounds, as they called themselves, were a team.

The team became the number one requested gun truck company in the area of responsibility.

"Everybody on that base would always request us," said Sergeant Mohler. "The Army welcomed us with open arms and was glad to see us coming. There were several times when we'd be talking with their people, and we'd tell them what units we were from and they'd be like 'you guys are awesome. You are doing a great job'. It made us feel really proud."

Close calls

Although they all made it back safely, there were some close calls, events that kept them on their toes.

"An IED blew up two trucks behind our convoy and hit a Turkish tanker," said Airman Roberson. I had just been through the area so it could have just as easily been me. You'll hear stories about other convoys being hit, but until something happens to your convoy that's when you realize they're trying to kill you."

Living conditions weren't always the best. No set schedule, sleeping on cots around their vehicles and eating Meals Ready to Eat made them long for home, but it all ended well.

"We would go 18 to 21 days in a row without time off, come back, eat, sleep and go back out," he said. "It was constant, but nobody got hurt. We are all back safe and sound."



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Matthew Harmon, left, Tech. Sgt. William Geiger and Senior Airman Jacob Kaminski sit on an abandoned former Iraqi fighter jet. The aircraft is a Russian-made MiG.



Courtesy photo

A fuel tanker gets hit by an Improvised Explosive Device on one of several missions.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

At the troops homecoming, Feb. 2, the Airmen do a last hands together morale cheer like they did before each mission in Iraq.

2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day
{ MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST } no federal holiday					

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

Private pilot ground school registration will be held today through Monday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School starts Monday at 5:30 p.m. One-hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$340 for tuition and \$200 for books and duffle bag and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 - 50-hour course, lasting approximately six weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 926-4867 and register soon because classroom seating is limited.

Base Restaurant

Grilled steaks are back on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost \$5.95 and includes grilled steak, baked potato, green beans and tea.

Child Development Centers East and West

Celebrate Reading Across America Day with Dr. Seuss today at both centers. Parents are invited to join the children for breakfast of green eggs and ham. Cost is \$1. Volunteers are needed to share stories.

Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care is available today from 6:30 - 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by the prior Monday for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information, call 926-5805.

Club membership

A chance to win either a

\$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher is in your future when you join the Robins Enlisted or Officers' Club, now through April 30, 2005, during the "Members Wanted – It's Where You Want to Be" club drive. Current club members have a chance of winning this package too.

Club membership at the officers' and enlisted clubs is open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins as well as active duty, reserve, and retired military and retired DoD civilians. For more information concerning club membership features, options and benefits, call the Robins Officers' Club at 926-2670 or the Robins Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

Enlisted Club

Play Double Up Bingo Sunday, March 16 and 31. All regular games pay double with a \$1,000 game to go. Does not include special or jackpot games.

A Texas Hold 'Em tournament will be held March 13 with a practice and warm-up session from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups starting at 2:45 p.m. and games starting at 3 p.m. Prizes to be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club.

A St. Patty's Day celebration is scheduled from 5 - 7 p.m. March 16. Enjoy food, prizes and fun.

Family Child Care 926-6741

"Free child care isn't something that always comes your way. However, if you've just

returned from a 30-day or more Operation Enduring Freedom and Global War on Terrorism deployment or have a two week R&R, this program is just what you need to help reduce stress and read-just," said Vera Keasley, Family Child Care coordinator. The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this unique Expanded Child Care program. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care FCC home. If you think this might be for you, contact Family Child Care at 926-6741. Please take advantage of this program within 30 days of return from your deployment or upon arrival for your two-week R&R.

Information, Tickets and Travel

Tickets are available for the Atlanta Hawks basketball team versus Philadelphia 76'ers on Saturday; against Golden State Warriors on March 12; New York Knicks on March 18 and Toronto Raptors on March 26. Tickets are \$35 per person.

NASCAR tickets are available for the Aaron's 312 and Golden Corral 500 on March 19 and 20. Cost is \$50 for both races. Tickets will be available through today.

ITT has tickets to the Macon Southern Pro Bull Riders Rodeo. The rodeos will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 1 and 2 at the Shrine Park in Macon. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and younger.

ITT has tickets available to "Movin' Out" April 2 at 2 p.m.

for \$59 until March 21. This production will be held at the Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Explore and expand your horizons at the ITT Safari Travel Show March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Visit travel booths from the following travel and amusement representatives: Walt Disney Parks & Resorts, Macon Convention and Visitors Bureau, Babyland General Hospital, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Four Points Sheraton, Villas by the Sea, Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Medieval Times, Universal Studios, Mossy Creek Barnyard Festival, Resort Quest Orlando, La Quinta Lakeside, Staybridge Suites Orlando, Red Horse Inn/Kessler Collection, Howard Johnson Plaza Resort, Alpine Helen/White County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Wild Adventures, Hilton Garden Inn, Orlando Seaworld, Radisson Barcelo Hotel, Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau Inc., Hampton Inn Amelia Island, Dixie Stampede, Interline Value Vacations, Andersonville Trail Association, Buffalo Lodging, Macon Knights, Westgate Resorts, Hilton Garden Inn Albany, Gone With The Wind Museum, Shades Of Green and Boardwalk Beach Resort.

Officers' Club

A St. Patty's Day Boss N' Buddy night will be held March 16 at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. Members are invited to enjoy free tacos, wings and beverage specials. A trivia contest will be held with a prize given for the unit with the most participating members.

A super seafood buffet will

be offered March 18 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14.95 and includes all of your favorite seafood catch.

Outdoor Recreation

Summer hours have begun at Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental, located in Building 914 by the BX Furniture Store and post office. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pizza Depot

Pizza Depot March special is stir-fry broccoli and chicken with fried rice and drink for only \$5.25.

Services Marketing

If you are a Defense Department civilian assigned to Robins, go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the civilian survey icon on the home page. The information you provide will be used to further enhance programs and activities.

Subscribe to the new Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter by going to www.robins.af.mil/services and clicking on the subscribe icon at the top of the page. Subscribe to the overall Services newsletter or to only those activities that are of interest to you.

Smith Community Center

Enter the base-level Air Force Chess contest slated for 10 a.m. March 12 in the Smith Community Center. This competition is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians, contractors, retirees, and family members. Active duty winners have the opportunity to advance to the next-level of the Air Force Chess tournament. For more information, call 926-2105.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



Today
7:30 p.m. – Hide and Seek – Robert DeNiro, Dakota Fanning

As a widower tries to piece together his life in the wake of his wife's suicide, he discovers that his young daughter is coping with the death in a strange and scary manner. His daughter, Emily, finds solace by creating a creepy, maniacal imaginary friend with a terrifying vendetta. Imaginary friends can seem so real.

Rated R (frightening sequences, violence) 111 minutes



Saturday
7:30 p.m. – Alone in the Dark – Christian Slater, Tara Reid

A supernatural detective named Carnby travels to Shadow Island to solve the mystery of a friend's death. While there, he discovers the secrets of the Abskani, an ancient tribe that worshiped demonic forces which gave them incredible powers. Carnby's findings suggest that the Abskani are poised to return to take over the world. With the help from his former girlfriend, an archeologist who has the knowledge to stop the demons, Carnby must now fight against their attempts to take over his mind as well as their attempts to conquer the Earth.

Rated R (violence, language) 96 minutes

COMING SOON
March 11 – **Phantom of the Opera** – Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum – A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. He's smitten and wants Christine for his own, but Christine meets up with her childhood acquaintance Raoul and the two fall in love.

Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair. Raoul is now the only one who can stop him.

Rated PG-13 (brief violent images) 143 minutes

March 12 – **The Wedding Date** – Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney – Kat Ellis's worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger, half-sister, Amy, getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the groom's best man is Kat's ex-fiancée, Jeffrey. Unable to bear the thought of attending alone, she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. Her rented date fits the bill perfectly. He's handsome, intelligent, well-spoken, and a perfect gentleman. The plan? Make Kat's ex sorry that he ever let her go.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content and dialogue) 90 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Airman's attic

The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Transition assistance

The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.

Relocation assistance

The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world

available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforce-sourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). For more information, call 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC readiness team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two

certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member's remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the FSC.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call. Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Rachel LaVon Harris, WR-ALC/LTCR. Point of contact is Lisa Vander Poorten at 926-3385.

Elaine H. Reaves, WR-ALC/LSCF. Point of contact is Debby Tamer at 222-3287.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

It’s time to order trees for historic forest ceremony set for April 22

To many members of the Robins community, the historic forests on base have become living memorials honoring people or special events. Planting a tree can inspire faith, devotion and courage, and memorialize the name or event in a way that grows with the years.

The original historic forest, located west of Building 215, was established in 1994 and filled to capacity in 1999. The new historic forest was first planted at the Parade Field, near Warner Robins and Fifth streets, in 2000. These forests were established to encourage

the planting of trees and foster an appreciation of our heritage. The trees in the historic forests are offspring of trees located on properties once owned by, or associated with, famous Americans such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Henry Thoreau.

This year Environmental Management will host the Historic Forest Ceremony April 22 at 9 a.m. at the Parade Field.

If an individual or organization would like to memorialize someone or a special event, contact Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174. Ms.

DeMetrick will provide a tree catalog and advice regarding which trees grow best in Georgia. The catalog is also available at www.historictrees.org. To ensure your tree arrives on time, order no later than April 8. Make sure to specify that the tree is for Robins Air Force Base Arbor Day Dedication Ceremony and have it delivered to 78 CEG/CEVOQ, Attention: Marilyn DeMetrick, 455 Byron St, Ste 465, Robins AFB GA 31098-1860.

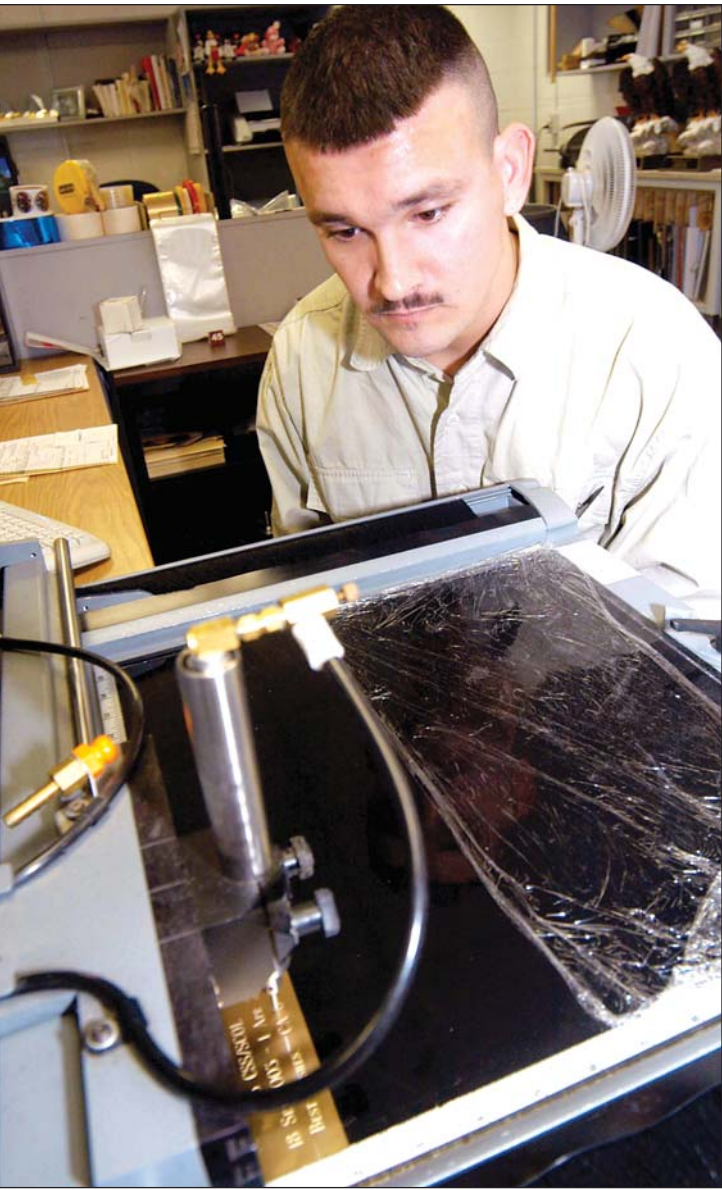
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Association helps children’s home



Courtesy photo

The Total Force Top Three Association delivered a check for \$1,234, clothing, furniture and other items to the Georgia Industrial Children's Home in Macon Feb. 24. First row from left are Master Sgt. Renee Brown, association project manager; Kimberly Beach, Georgia Industrial Children's Home assistant director; Master Sgt. Kim Hagerty, association president; and Jim Filush, Georgia Industrial Children's Home financial director. Second row from left are Senior Master Sgt. Kim Gantt, Senior Master Sgt. Debra Plocki and Senior Master Sgt. Mike McCoy. Third row from left are Senior Master Sgt. Keith Kirwin and Master Sgt. Rod Baker.



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SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

Need a plaque, trophy or maybe a gift with a special touch?

Bobbie Mucher, Engraving Shop manager, along with Rodney Aquino and Erin Bagwell can custom make plaques and awards for presentations, retirements, special achievements or sports competitions. Anyone with access to the base can use the shop located in Building 984 on Tenth Street.

The shop also provides a variety of items such as eagles, sculptures, mouse pads and glassware that can be personalized with your logo, squadron patch, emblem or personal sentiment.

“We can also take pictures and put them on mugs. Picture mugs of babies, pets, or deploying friends make nice gifts,” Ms. Mucher said. “Give us a try. We’ll work with you on anything.”

— Sue Sapp

Engraving Shop

Skills Development Center
Building 984, Tenth Street
Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Top, Rodney Auino, engraver, checks on a job in progress Tuesday. Above, Bobbie Mucher, Engraving Shop manager, modifies a graphic that will be used for an engraving design. Left, the shop offers a wide array of items that can be personalized such as this eagle.